

REMARKS

The amendments set out above and the following remarks are believed responsive to the points raised by the Office Action dated November 30, 2004. In view of the amendments set out above and the following remarks, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The Pending Claims

Claim 4 has been canceled, and claims 1-3 remain pending.

Claim 1 has been amended to describe the invention more clearly. No new matter has been added, the basis for the amended claim language may be found within the original specification, claims and drawings.

Entry of the above is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants are pleased to note the Office Action indicates claim 4 is allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the respective base claims and any intervening claims.

The claim has been so rewritten as noted below.

The Office Action

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,638,267 to Liebscher (hereinafter referred to as "Liebscher"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

However, in order to expedite matters and to allow the application to pass to issuance quickly, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 4, thus obviating the rejection in view of Liebscher.

Since the independent claim is allowable for the reasons set forth above, the dependent claims are allowable as they depend from the novel and non-obvious independent claim.

For the reasons set forth above, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

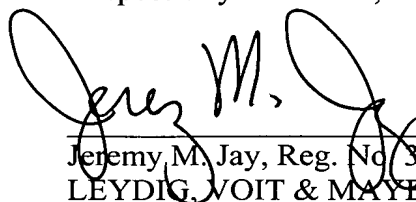
Conclusion

In view of the amendment and remarks recited herein, the application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

In re Appln. of YIN et al.
Application No. 10/728,093

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney:

Respectfully submitted,

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